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THE THREE FRIENDS

The Successful Flibuster Evades Two Government Cruisers and Lands Her Cargo.

THE CONSIGNMENT WENT TO GOMEZ.

Report That She Ran a Gauntlet of Spanish War Vessels—Weyler Trying to Explain the Death of Maceo.

IS MACEO ALIVE?

Report That He Has Fought a Battle in Matanzas and Is Slightly Wounded.

Key West, Dec. 16.—Passengers arriving here tonight from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well and in the province of Matanzas.

The passengers say that all of the fliers that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped since it has become known that he is alive.

The Story as Told To-Day.

Key West, Dec. 17.—Passengers from Cuba last night report that General Pratt, however General Weyler, from Matanzas, that he has had an engagement with insurgents in that province led by Maceo in person. They further stated that a number of newspaper reporters who are investigating the reports of Maceo's death went to Punta Brava. One of them had an interview with the insurgent chief, Atocha, who told him that the Spaniards who had come to search for Maceo's body would not find it as Maceo was at the head of an army moving toward the Orient. He also stated that he accompanied Maceo to Matanzas. When he left Maceo the latter was suffering from a slight wound.

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Inter-State Commerce Commission Report.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Interstate commerce commission sent its tenth annual report to congress today. The report reviews the prosecutions instituted by the commission during the year and the results as published from time to time in the press. It says that general discontent with the present transportation condition is shown by the petitions from so many sections for the enforcement of the statutes and emphasizes the necessity for amending the law so as to give greater force and finality to the findings and decisions of the commission. The commission recommends that ticket brokerage on interstate commerce tickets be made a penal offense. A number of other amendments to the law are recommended.

WEYLER'S 'COMBINATIONS.'

Dispatch from Cifrejeda Apparently Proving the Maceo Assassination Story.

Havana, Dec. 17.—Captain General Weyler yesterday presented \$100 to the soul of Major Cifrejeda's column who took from the body of Antonio Maceo the articles which the Spaniards claim establish the identity of the corpse as being that of the insurgent leader.

Major Cifrejeda, it is officially announced in a dispatch from Punta Brava, dated December 14, congratulates Captain General Weyler on the success of his recent "combinations," adding that "the results obtained were the natural outcome" of his (Cifrejeda's) own strict compliance with previous instructions from the captain-general and the Marquis de Ahumada who acted as captain-general during Captain Weyler's absence from Havana.

The captain general, replying to the charge of Major Cifrejeda, has assured the latter that he will be rewarded for "the splendid services" which he has rendered.

A mulatto woman named Francisco Horner will be tried by court martial tomorrow. She is charged with rebellion and communism. Francisco is described

as an amazon, and formerly belonged to Castillo's band of insurgents.

Cuban Sympathizers.

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of Cuban sympathizers held here last night a paper with fifty signatures of respectable men was presented who are ready to take up arms to defend Cuba.

Secretary Olney Will Furnish Information Washington, Dec. 17.—It is stated that Secretary Olney will go before the committee on foreign relations tomorrow to furnish much confidential information relative to Cuba.

Recruits for Cuba.

Denver, Dec. 17.—Recruiting here for the Cuban army has been closed temporarily. Charles Gregg, a recruiting officer, has turned over to a superior whose identity is unknown, a muster roll of 640 men.

Torrence's Stables Sold for a Song.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The stables of the General Torrence estate have been disposed of by auction. They included a collection of horses, carriages and trappings that cost the general \$140,000. The sale realized \$14,000. Among the horses disposed of were Motto and Invincible, which brought \$1800. This pair, with an imperial landau, which brought \$850, and harness, which brought \$800, the general had destined to present to President McKinley. People from Boston and St. Louis were represented by more than a score of bidders, and some of General Torrence's most prized animals and equipages will go to England. The collection was probably unequalled in any private stable in America, it being the gift of the general, who had expended \$81,000 in the last six years with one Chicago firm for equipping. A mail coach that cost \$3800 was secured by the Chicago Polo club for \$725. F. W. Putnam of Boston, secured for \$1800 two magnificent horses, Lamplighter and Dark Lantern, and a currie cab. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Frank H. Hubbard of New York, have the only rigs in this country like it.

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Vigilantes Foiled.

Paxton, Ill., Dec. 17.—Last night a mob of some twenty-five men from Drummont township arrived in this city with the avowed intention of lynching Frederick Hartman, the murderer of Mrs. Fred Gedde. Sheriff Mason, learning of the contemplated raid upon the jail, removed the prisoner to Urbana, where he was placed in the Champaign county jail for safe keeping, thus thwarting the vigilantes in their attempt to take the law into their own hands.

Declined on Account of Heart Disease.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—In the Prussian upper house the vice president announced that Prince Solms-Pepsolens-Lych was yesterday elected president of that body and declined the honor as he is suffering from heart disease.

Coxey in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Commonwealth army "Coxey" had an interview yesterday with the chairman of the house banking and currency committee regarding the financial scheme he represents.

Official Vote of South Dakota.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 17.—The official count of the vote at the late election gives Bryan a plurality of 188 over McKinley.

Both Republican congressmen are defeated by a slight majority but larger pluralities.

A. R. strickland Natives.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Frank R. Phister, son of the late E. C. Phister, ex-congressman of the tenth Kentucky district prior to the failure. He is charged with embezzlement of the bank's funds. No one knows the amount but it is supposed to be high in the thousands.

ENGLAND SHAKEN.

A Terrific Earthquake Shakes the Entire Island, Doing Much Damage.

THE PEOPLE SEIZED WITH PANIC.

Church Spires Are Thrown Down Like Toys—People Are Thrown Out of Beds—Pedestrians Thrown Off Their Feet.

London, Dec. 17.—Great Britain is in the throes of an unprecedented sensation. An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every spire from Durham to Surrey, from London to Kilkenny on the Welsh coast. It was first noticed at 5:30 this morning and lasted from four to thirty seconds. At many points two shocks were experienced, the most severe at Cheltenham, Ledbury and Dean Forest. The tremors were accompanied by a loud rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture shifted, doors thrown open, and ornaments upset. The panic stricken inhabitants fled from their houses. The earthquake was also violent at Birmingham, in Shropshire and Worcester.

At some points persons on the country roads were thrown down. Numerous people were thrown out of their beds. The Hereford cathedral was badly injured. The dull rumbling was followed by two loud crashes and terrible lightning and rocking. The pane at Hereford was so great that one woman died of fright. Many chimneys fell. All the pinnacles on the St. Nicholas church toppled over and part of the pinnacles of the Cathedral fell. At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hail storm. It was only slightly felt in London. Near Shrewsbury the streets suddenly seemed to be on fire and a violent report accompanied by a shaking of the earth.

The Federation of Labor.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—The Federation of Labor resumed its session this morning. The committee on organization reported the condition of the different trade unions that most wished help from the federation. Most of these applications were referred to the coming executive council but the organizers directed to an undertaker. He reports that he first learned that the death of a child from the disease occurred last October, and that a public funeral, which is in direct violation of the law, was held from the Methodist church at that place. The undertaker, at the request of a woman, opened the coffin, and the remains were exposed to the view of the congregation. Some cotton had been placed around the neck of the dead child to protect the clothing from being soiled by discharges from the mouth. The undertaker took some of the cotton, wiped the face with it, and tossed it away. Then the people fled up and viewed the remains. This was the start of the disease.

Representative Bailey of the Eighteenth district, was claimed on the Madden list. Mr. Bailey telegraphed to Mason headquarters yesterday in regard to this as follows:

"Author of statement that Representative Bailey is an outspoken Madden man is an outspoken liar, I am for a home man first. As between Mason and Madden, William E. Mason all the time. Such, I think, is the position of nine-tenths of the Republicans of this county."

Representative Lathrop was marked off on the list as an out-and-out Madden man—one of the men who would stick to the fourth ward statesman even though everyone else should desert him. Mr. Lathrop telegraphed this to the Mason headquarters:

"I am not for Madden. I am for Mason first, last and all the time."

Representative DeWoody of the Fifteenth district, was listed for Madden. Here is what Mr. DeWoody telegraphed:

"The people of my district are for Mr. Mason, and I will carry out their wishes."

Mr. Ely of the Twenty-ninth district, came to Chicago three weeks ago and publicly denounced Mr. Madden as "an utterly unfit candidate for the United States senate." Efforts have been made since to put Mr. Ely in line, and it is claimed that they have been successful—so successful that the bosses felt justified in marking Mr. Ely as a certain Madden man. But Mr. Ely himself has a word to say on the subject, and it is to this effect:

"When any man tells you that I have gone over to Madden just tell him that I say he lies, and I will prove it."

Representative Dickinson of the Fifteenth district has been rather silent as to his choice, and this doubtless led the Madden men to feel that they would be warranted in claiming him. Mr. Dickinson, however, does not want to be understood, and here is what he telegraphed:

"Our district instructed for Mr. Mason, and notwithstanding the report to the contrary, I am for him first, last and all the time."

There are others—several others—who say that they will make it very plain at Springfield that they know how to resent being "claimed," "traded" and "delivered" without their consent.

The houses at the Great Northern heard yesterday of those shots from the state at the Madden home, and they were anything but gratified, especially on the eve of the round-up of their forces, which is to follow the meeting of the state central committee today.

In this connection the efforts began on Tuesday to get Tanner to give some hint to the country members as to what he desired done in regard to the senatorship were renewed. It is certain that Mr. Tanner has a plan for keeping back the distribution of the plums until after the senatorship question is settled. Some shrewd politicians say that this means a holding back of the patronage in favor of Madden. Others hardly less shrewd read it as meaning that Mr. Tanner may wish to build up a state organization of his own, and that he will care not to be buried in the wreck of the Cook county machine, which few deny will go to pieces through the strain of electing Madden.

Cost Dealers Meet.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 17.—The retail coal dealers' association of Wisconsin and Illinois met here yesterday afternoon. It is supposed the object of the meeting was to band together as well as skilled.

A resolution fixing 50 cents a month as the minimum assessment for all male members of the union was referred. A letter from ex-Governor Foster, chairman of the Ohio commission to investigate convict labor, was read and ordered printed.

Montreal Failures.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Two heavy failures in the lumber trade are reported. Patrick Donnelly, liabilities, \$100,000; Joseph Jart, liabilities, \$250,000.

The Plague at Bombay.

Bombay, Dec. 17.—There has been 1811 cases of bubonic plague in this city and 104 deaths to date. Two thousand people have fled from the city.

Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Rain or snow tonight Friday; colder, Friday; brisk southwesterly, shifting to northwest winds.

The Storm at Colon.

Colon, Columbia, Dec. 17.—A regular norther is blowing here. All the steamers left port during the night.

The Swiss President Elect.

Berne, Dec. 17.—Deutsche of Turgen was elected president of the Swiss repub-

AS VIEWED IN CHICAGO.

Some Gossip Touching the Senatorial Contests in Relation to the Members of the General Assembly.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Protests from members of the legislature against being classed as Madden men are being received from the country districts with vigorous frequency.

First, Madden's managers claimed they had with them absolutely and certainly thirty-five of the thirty-nine legislators from Cook county. The country men were being humbugged with this bogus claim, when up rose at least fourteen Cook county men who refused to be counted for Madden.

The ground was shifted and the claim was made that the country districts were practically solid for the Chicago alderman. The names of the Madden men were even set forth, but one by one these country "Madden" men are being heard from.

Here are some samples of the protests received yesterday.

Representative Bailey of the Eighth district, was claimed on the Madden list. Mr. Bailey telegraphed to Mason headquarters yesterday in regard to this as follows:

"No Hope for Roswell G. Horne.

New York, Dec. 17.—Roswell G. Horne, formerly member of congress from Michigan, is slightly better but his physicians have no hopes of his recovery.

M'KINLEY REACHES CHICAGO.

Train was Cheered Along the Route—Will Spend a Day with Charles G. Dawes at Evanston.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—McKinley arrived at 8:30 this morning. The journey was without incident except that at points passed by the train after daylight the train was cheered by the people who gathered at the stations. McKinley looked in the best of health and spirits and responded cheerfully to the salutation of several hundred cheering, shouting people who followed him as he passed through the station and to the carriage of Captain McWilliams at whose house Mrs. McKinley is visiting and where the major will spend most of his time during his visit.

He says he will only remain until the first of next week as he will want to be home for Christmas dinner with his mother. He will spend one day with Hon. Charles G. Dawes at Evanston.

SKATING RINK BURNED.

Loss Half a Million—Caused by the Explosion of an Ammonia Cylinder.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—The Casino skating rink and summer theatre and beautiful pleasure resort in Schenley park, was burned early this morning. The loss is half a million with a small insurance.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an ammonia cylinder in the ice skating plant.

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

Senate.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate agreed to change the immigration bill, making the limit of exclusion about sixteen years. Morgan proposed an exception to Cuba. The amendment occasioned an extended debate.

House.

The pending question at the opening of the session was the adoption of the amendment to the army appropriation bill to exempt the army navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., from benefit in the appropriation for hospitals. Carried by a vote of 161 to 80. The army bill then passed without division. Curtis (Rep. N. Y.) reported the military academy appropriation bill. Babcock (Rep. Wash.) chairman of the committee of the District of Columbia under agreement made Monday claim day of business. From his committee a resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary of war to loan the insignia, flags, etc., for decorating the streets on the occasion of McKinley's inauguration and other resolutions granting privileges

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Is the Tariff a Dead Issue?

The roving Senator Vest of Missouri, has been heard from again in the senate. He is the gentleman who once gave it out that he had inside information that Grover Cleveland was in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Recent events show that he was mistaken as to that. He now tries to make not only one but two equally improbable statements. The first is that the election of McKinley has not brought prosperity. The second is that the tariff question is a dead issue and that nothing but inflation will restore prosperity.

As to the first statement it is only necessary to condemn it as a piece of demagogism that would not do justice to a kleptomaniac. No one contended that the election of McKinley would restore prosperity but it was claimed and is still insisted upon by the majority of the American people that the McKinley administration will restore prosperity. It was claimed not only by Republicans but by nearly a million of Democratic voters that the election of McKinley and the defeat of Bryan would restore confidence in the stability of the money of the country. This claim has been verified since the election. On the very next day following, gold that had been withdrawn from circulation by hoarding it, began to return to the banks and was paid out over the counters. The same has continued ever since. Not only this but since the election decided that creditors would be paid in the same money they loaned or in the same money the contract contemplated there has been plenty of money to loan and interest has been reduced. Does Vest know these facts? Of course he does. As to protection being a dead issue the old fossils of the Vest class will find it one of the liveliest issues in the country. It was a live issue in 1890 and 1893 and the Democrats carried the country on it upon promise that a low tariff would make cheaper goods and give the country greater prosperity than was possible under protection. Has that promise been kept? Has the country realized anything but depression in business in going after a free trade tariff? If that is all they realized what has transpired to make the tariff a dead issue among the people. Does Mr. Vest believe that because he and his Bourbon colleagues failed on the tariff as an issue and sought to distract the minds of the people by free silver, that therefore the tariff is a dead issue. Mr. Vest forgets that they did not fool the people. They were fooled in 1892 but they were not fooled in 1896 and under such conditions the tariff as an issue is not dead when those who wish it were a dead issue proclaim its death.

The Republican party stands for sound money and protection. The victory at the polls settles the fact that every dollar shall remain as good as every other dollar. No legislation is necessary to establish that fact. With the tariff and the effect of legislation upon that question it is different. In that case a new bill must be enacted and the present tariff act must be repealed, and as soon as that is done business will begin its triumphal march back to the conditions we had in 1892 when "Jesupian waxed fat and kicked." President McKinley will convene the new congress in extraordinary session for the purpose of enacting a new tariff bill into law with the view of putting business upon its feet again and providing revenue enough to meet the current expenses of the government.

The Present Tariff and Cattle.

Samuel W. Allerton is engaged in preparing a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Morton, which he will give to the public in a short time. It is a reply to one received from the secretary ten days ago, attacking the former letter of Mr. Allerton, published in a Chicago newspaper.

Mr. Allerton's published letter arraigned the secretary for admitting Canada cattle to the United States for shipment under bond from the port of Boston. He said this regulation exposed American cattle to England, and by monopolizing the shipping facilities excluded 2000 head of American cattle from European markets every week.

Secretary Morton said in his letter to Mr. Allerton that Canadian cattle had always been admitted to this country under bond for shipment from the port of Portland, and all he did was to extend the privilege to Boston also. He did this because of the increased vigilance exercised in England in regard to pleuro-pneumonia. As to the importation of cattle into this country from Canada, no change had been made.

The secretary ridiculed the charge that the admission of Canadian cattle to the port of Boston had deprived American cattle dealers of shipping facilities. He said that from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, 1896, a

only 976 head of Canadian cattle had been shipped from Boston, while during the year ending June 1 the transportation lines carried 960,000 head. He could not see how the carrying of about 85 head of Canadian cattle a week deprived American cattle of their chance of shipment.

He also denied that there was any pleuro-pneumonia either in this country or in Canada, and therefore denied that the reputation of American cattle could be injured by association with Canadian cattle. Mr. Allerton will take issue with the secretary on nearly every point. He says he had not meant to refer at all to the importation of Canadian cattle to this country. But he maintains, all the same, that there have been changes of momentous character in the tariff on cattle, which have done to the farmers of this country the greatest injury. He denied yesterday that there was no pleuro-pneumonia in Canada, and said that the British government had been compelled to require the Canadian cattle to be slaughtered in the same port in which they were landed. As to the Canadian cattle depriving the American cattle of their shipping facilities, he says the secretary's figures were probably right, but had been based on the figures estimated for one week only. Still, he says, the Canadian cattle crowded out more than their own number of American cattle, because the American shippers were afraid of contagion.

Mr. Allerton says he is hard at work on a formal and complete answer to the secretary, but was delayed by the want of some statistics, for which he had sent. His answer to the secretary will appear in a short time.

Employees Take Stock.

The Illinois Central railroad officials have before them the applications of 1600 employees of that road who desire to purchase the company's stock. These applications are coming in at the rate of 250 and 300 a month and indicate a strong desire on the part of the working force of the road to be in full harmony with the executive departments.

The Illinois Central employs 22,000 men. More than one-fourth of the employees of the company are now stockholders and it is thought one-half will be enrolled. In the success of the plan of making the employees financially interested with the executives, it is believed the company has taken a formal step in the direction of solving the strike problem and touching the labor classes the value of economy.

Stuyvesant Fish, president of the company, is the author of the plan, which no other railroad in the world has yet adopted, although its success has been proved after months of experiment. Large manufacturing concerns and other corporate interests are addressing the Illinois Central for information as to how the scheme has worked and if it can be applied in other industries.

The Senatorial Fight.

The Chicago Tribune The senatorial pot is boiling briskly. The Tribune repeats its advice to Governor Tanner to keep his fingers out of it or they may be scalded. The temptation is strong when a lively fight is going on to take a hand in it, but by abstaining Governor Tanner will have increased influence and be held in higher respect. Should he get entangled in the pending conflict he would help neither himself nor the party. The use of state patronage to force an undesirable senatorial candidate on an unwilling people would strengthen the feeling already prevalent, that there is too much machine government.

When the rank and file of the party think a deliberate attempt is being made to foist on them as candidate for a high position a person whom they do not consider qualified, their gorgonizes, their party zeal is loosened, and party ascendancy is endangered. It is bad politics to force an objectionable man on the people. The end-headed, far-sighted politician always tries to avoid making that blunder. He knows both he and his party will suffer.

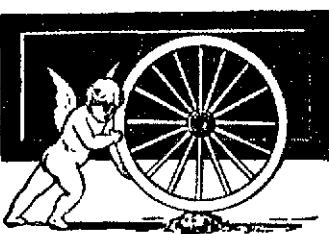
When Andrew Jackson fought his duel with Dickinson, the factor, who was a dead shot and was certain he would kill Jackson, fired first, and noting that Jackson did not fall he exclaimed: "My God, did I miss him?" Jackson then fired and killed Dickinson. Before William Jennings Bryan undertakes to show that Jackson, if he were alive, would be in favor of 16 to 1 he should note these facts. Dickinson had not missed but Jackson killed him just the same. Moral: Don't tackle Jackson because he is dead and you think you have a cinch.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, intimated in a speech recently that William Jennings Bryan is the greatest orator since the days of Clay and Webster. This assumption is somewhat of a reflection on the Eighteenth congressional district which Bryan stumped in 1896 and no one discovered that a great prophet was in their midst.

Senator Cullom has won many friends by the vigorous manner in which he treated the Cuban question. When he said let us make our own precedents he voiced the sentiment of the people.

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Splendid Coffee, per lb. 20c

Sauer Kraut, per gallon 15c

Homemade Minced Meat, 3 lbs. 25c

2 gal. buckwheat Syrup 50c

Silver Dribs Syrup, per gal. 30c

2 packages American Rolled Oats 25c

Bulk Oat Meal, 3c per lb.; 10 lbs. for 25c

Cranberries, 2 quarts 4 quarts 5c

Oyster Crackers, per lb. 5c

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Mama eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

Bulk perfumes and atomizers for Christmas, low prices at West's drug store.

Just before going to bed eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

Extremely cold weather is predicted for Sunday, the frigidity to remain with us for an indefinite period.

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

The members of the Fifth and Second regiments of the Illinois National Guard are to be at Springfield on January 11th to have a part in the ceremonies attending the inauguration of John R. Tanner as governor.

Thomas A. Pritchett has consented to auction off the dolls at the doll fair to be given by Decatur Juvenile temple, No. 180, tomorrow night. Pretty dolls, richly attired, were received from Boston, Chicago and Peoria yesterday. Quite a group of smiling bisque faces will be present from various big cities, representing the good will of different celebrated ladies.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 438, new phone 436. M. F. Metz.—91-dit

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A Change.

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50 Cents.

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We have a state secret to reveal to you if you will come and see us prior to ordering your Christmas turkey, duck, or goose. Game of every description to be had of us if ordered in time to be shipped in. Pearl Oyster and Flea Co. Telephone 314—14-dit

At Vandallia.

The four Decatur boys who left home without consent of their parents have been heard from as having been at Vandallia yesterday. It is learned that they sent a cable by express from that point to Louisville, Ky.

The Beautiful Piano.

On exhibition at the Lutz Music House are wonders in designing and musical art. None can compare with them. Come and see and get the surprisingly low prices and easy terms now offered. The small instrument line surpasses anything in Central Illinois—violins, mandolins, guitars, banjos, harps and music rolls. Books for Xmas presents in abundance. Select now while the stock is complete. S. M. Lutz.—14-dit

The Masonic Reception.

The committee in charge of the reception to be given tomorrow night on the occasion of the opening of the remodeled Masonic temple wish every member of the Masonic fraternity to understand that he is especially invited to be present, whether affiliated with any of the local lodges or not, and this invitation is intended to also extend to the members of his family. Each member of the Eastern Star is also expected to be present. The hours of the reception will be from 8 to 10.

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YOUNG CLINTON GIRL ASTRAY.

Left Her Home and Tramped for Days in St. Louis.

Poorly clad, sick and a stranger in a big city, Belle Brown, of Clinton, Ill., tramped the streets of metropolitan St. Louis to hunger, until her frail body could stand the strain no longer, says the St. Louis Chronicle.

She was taken to the city hospital Tuesday night, a hopeless maniac. Delusions of persecution are constantly harassing her, and whenever she is approached the girl exclaims: "You have come to kill me; I can see the dagger pointed at my breast." This is the second time the girl has been in the hospital within two weeks. On the previous occasion she was in a complete state of physical exhaustion, and emaciated, owing to days of hunger.

At that time the girl said she was 18, and her parents were poor people, residing in Clinton. To lighten their burden she determined to leave home, and found employment as maid to a family named Sylvester, on Maple avenue in Cabanne Place. While there she became sick and had to seek other quarters, she claimed.

"Then," said the girl, "I found out what a mistake I made in coming to a big city. I tramped about the town for days." "Sometimes I slept in coal sheds at night. There were ways of making money offered me, but I would have died rather than accept."

Officer McClellan, at the Union station, again led her into the institution Tuesday night. He said she had been about the station nearly all day acting peculiarly.

She frequented the "midway" begging everyone to send her home. Matron Fraizer took the stranger in charge.

"I want to go home before I die," is all she would say.

A JANUARY WEDDING.

The Approaching Nuptials of Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., and Miss Hoskins.

The scores of friends of Mr. Peter Vredenburgh, Jr., the popular young lumber dealer, will be pleased to hear that his marriage to Miss Fussia Anne L. Hoskins, of Decatur, is announced to occur on Jan. 12, says the Springfield News.

The ceremony will take place at noon on that day at the First Presbyterian church of Decatur. Rev. Penhaligon, pastor of that church, will perform the ceremony. The Episcopalian marriage ceremony will be used. Miss Hoskins will be attended by Misses Bartholomew, Roberts, Montgomery and Roby of Decatur, and Misses Catherine Brown and Vredenburgh of Springfield.

Mr. Charles R. Hudson, of Springfield, will act as best man and the ushers will be Messrs. L. T. Souther, Robert H. Lord, H. S. Dickerman and William W. Smith of Springfield, and Bruce Cheney of Alton, and G. F. Mansfield of Mansfield. The lodges that took part in the reception were Decatur Lodge, No. 65, Celestial Lodge, No. 180, and Columbia Lodge, No. 190. The reception and general committee consisted of W. E. Pease, A. W. Hendricks, L. N. Martin, Jr., H. A. Votaw, C. M. Lytle, D. C. Corley, W. H. Davis, W. H. Peters, J. B. Fritz and J. W. Fribourg. It was announced last night that the committee was practically through their labors and all that remained was the receiving of bids for the location of the new house. They will be received up to Feb. 15.

Short addresses were made by Judge Phillips of Virginia, W. R. Jewell of Danville, Mrs. Nellie Harris of Chicago, Judge Whentley of DuQuoin, J. H. Raible of Alton, and G. F. Mansfield of Mansfield.

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CORN AT LOW PRICES.

The Question of Holding It Or Waiting for an Advance.

Champaign Gazette: Champaign country farmers seem to be at a loss to know whether to put their corn to market at the present low prices or to hold it for an advance, and no one likes very much to give advice, just now, upon that point.

Superintendent Joseph Carter of the city schools, who is a good deal more of a farmer than most people suppose, expressed his view of the matter the other day by saying he had faith in higher prices. "I made up my mind, a good many years ago, never to sell corn for less than 30 to 35 cents, and I have never yet had to hold corn three years to get my price. I had a funny experience once. I had a big lot of corn and the price was low. I borrowed money, put a mortgage on the farm to secure it, and bought a lot of cattle to eat up the corn. I put them to market as fast as they got ready, but before I got them all in good marketable condition I was buying corn at 40¢ a bushel to feed them. The proceeds of the transaction netted just about enough to pay off the mortgage, but I consoled myself with the reflection that I had had the use of the cattle."

The company was selected with much care from among the lyceum players, who were members of the original lyceum cast, and include Isabel Irving, Madame Odell, Howard Gould, William T. Owen, Walter S. Hale, Arthur Elliot, John Findlay, Mervyn Dallas, R. J. Denton, Myron Culoe, John Forenz, Grace Keelo and others of the original lyceum company.

Hold a Comedy Company.

The favorite Holden Comedy company, No. 1, long and successfully known in the west and particularly in this state, begins a two-night engagement at the Grand Friday evening. The company of twelve people is headed by clever Kittle De Lorme, a big and deserving favorite. The program will be changed each night, the plays being for the most part sensational comedies entirely new to our city.

Original and up-to-date singing and dancing specialties will be introduced nightly, including the appearance of little 4-year old Nellie Clayton in songs and dances at each performance.

Good-Bye.

A reception will be held at the Baptist church tonight in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McIntyre. All friends are invited to attend. Mr. McIntyre will leave for the east on Saturday morning.

Mrs. McIntyre will remain with her parents until the first of the year.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

W. L. Dumont is in Chicago.

David Leech, who has been ill is better.

Rev. J. W. Crane was in Springfield yesterday.

Postmaster Shipley, of Maroa, was in the city to-day.

Mrs. Andrew Webster, of Argenta, was in the city to-day.

H. W. Hill went to Walker Station this morning on business.

James McMillin left this morning for the Indiana Mineral Springs.

Robert Mueller is ill of bronchitis at his home in the east part of the city.

Miss Grace Maquie, of Monticello, is in the city visiting Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Lee.

F. M. Young arrived home last night from Chicago where he went on business.

Miss Minnie Crane is ill of typhoid fever at her parents' home on West Main street.

Mrs. Anna Pease went to Chicago last night to visit her daughter, Mrs. Walter Nims.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moorth, at Oceanside, on Wednesday, December 16, a son.

T. T. Roberts returned home last night from Jacksonville, where he has been on a business trip.

The child of F. O. Riggs, who has been ill at the family residence on West Eldorado street, is better.

Mrs. I. E. Brown, of Oak Park, Ill., is expected in the city this evening to visit her brother, Milton Johnson, and family.

Lindley Jones, who attends the St. John's military academy at Delafield, Wis., will be home Sunday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

ORLANDO, Ill., Dec. 17, 1896.
The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations:

	Open- ing	High- est	Low- est	Clos- ing
Wheat—	70 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2
May	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
Corn—	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
May	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Oats—	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
December	20	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2
May	20	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2
Pork—	7 67 1/2	7 70	7 57 1/2	7 62
January	7	7 67 1/2	7 57 1/2	7 62
Lard—	3 85	3 90	3 82 1/2	3 82 1/2
January	3	3 85	3 82 1/2	3 82 1/2
Rice—	3 87 1/2	3 87 1/2	3 82 1/2	3 85
May	3	3 87 1/2	3 82 1/2	3 85

May wheat: puts, 70 1/2; calls, 81 1/2%; curb, 80%.

TO-DAY'S BRIGHTS—OAR LOFT.

Wheat—10. Estimated, 27. Year ago, 162.

Corn—208. Estimated, 210, a year ago, 333.

Oats—314. Estimated, 325, a year ago, 147.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 41; Corn, 350; Oats, 340.

Hot receipts \$1,000; estimated, 36,000. Mar-

ket steady.

Light, \$3,200-\$3,45; Mixed, \$3,200-\$3,45;

Heavy \$3,000-\$40; Rough \$1,900-\$3,15.

Estimated for to-morrow, 31,000.

Oatmeal receipts 10,000; market strong.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Wheat, cash, No. 2,

90 1/2; May, 90%; Corn, cash, 29¢; May, 22¢.

Oats, cash, 17 1/2¢; May, 20¢.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Wheat, May, 80¢; Corn,

May, 20 1/2; Oats, May, 21¢.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Butter, quiet, cream-

ery, 16 1/2¢; Eggs, steady, 16 1/2¢.

PROFL QUOTATIONS.

PROFL, Dec. 17.—Corn, steady, No. 2 white,

90 1/2; oats, irregular, No. 2, white, 16 1/2¢;

Rye nominal.

TIME RAILWAY CASE.

1. D. & W. Railway Contention still in court.

In the circuit court today Attorney Harry C. Crawford submitted three amendments to the original information and their acceptance was combated by Attorney Miller. The court sustained the amendments in part, rejecting the rest. This afternoon Mr. Crawford filed replication, and since court opened the attorneys for the organization have been preparing answers. The organization is ready to go to trial. Possibly Mr. Crawford, who has not fared very well thus far in the hearing, will ask for a continuance.

The Bust Presentation.

This will be the program for the exercises at the high school tomorrow afternoon at the presentation of the plaster bust of Superintendent E. A. Gastman.

Music—By the high school chorus.

Opening Remarks—Principal J. J. Shepard.

Address—Personal Recollections, Prof. John W. Cook, L. L. D., president of Illinois State Normal University.

The Artist—Leonard Crunell, by Mrs. M. E. Haworth.

Presentation of bust by Mrs. Anna E. Murphy.

Acceptance—D. S. Shellabarger.

Music—High school glee club.

Sales of Real Potato.

F. M. Burns to Zerilda F. Burns, lots 3 and 4, block 22, in Blue Mound—\$1500.

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POISONS IN EVERY FOOD. Indifferent in Quantity, But Virulent If Concentrated.

One of the curious and little-known facts brought to light by recent investigations is that in almost every kind of food some small amount of poison is to be found. Often the quantity is so small that chemical analysis does not reveal it, and it is only discovered by certain effects upon the human system under certain conditions. Small as these quantities of poison are, however, in comparison with the other constituents of any one food, they do exist, and are poisons of a deadly sort. Concentrated, the amount of poison is taken into the system during an average lifetime would be sufficient to kill an army instantly. Yet the extremely minute fragments absorbed during each meal not only do not harm, but seem almost health-giving. At least, it is certain that many of the most dangerous and destructive substances known exist in tangible quantities in some of the most valued foods.

Foods that contain the worst poisons in these tiny quantities may be eaten constantly without any unfortunate results. There is no more popular and widely used food than the potato. In Ireland, in certain districts, little else is eaten, and the peasants thrive wonderfully on them. Yet the potato belongs to the same botanical class as the deadly nightshade, and has in it the same poisonous element.

Many other vegetables have the same envious quality. In nearly every vegetable and fruit that grows above the ground, except the cabbage class, what are known as vegetable acids exist. There is a different one in each vegetable and variety of fruit, and all are deadly poisons. Nevertheless, it would be impossible to get a sufficient quantity into the stomach at a single meal to do even the slightest injury, and the gastric juice absorbs and renders harmless these poisons infallibly.

Tapioca is another food substance that contains poison. This has long been known. The fact was again called to the attention of scientists by Henry M. Stanley, who carried in his kit on one of his journeys in the "Dark Continent" a large quantity of tapioca, and had the opportunity to detect the danger in its use when not properly prepared. Under proper conditions tapioca is not harmful, but poison is present in it in such a large quantity that many precautions should be taken.

Even beer has its portion of poison, a substance known as picro-toxin. Lemon juice contains a virulent and dangerous element—citric acid—and in many of the lemon drops and bottles of lemon juice commercially prepared this substance is made up in the laboratory and mixed with a disregard of the way nature does it. The natural juice of the lemon is not in the least poisonous, even taken in large quantities, but lemon juice chemically made, as it frequently is for the trade, needs to be looked warily at.

Bitter almonds have poison in them to such a perceptible extent that actual cases of poisoning are on record. Strawberries and rhubarb contain oxalic acid. This, as almost everybody knows, is one of the most deadly and rapid poisons when used in any appreciable quantity. Certain people are affected quickly by even a few strawberries, lobsters, shellfish and crabs possess an irritant poison which produces nausea, vomiting and general depression, in addition to skin eruptions. Ice cream is sometimes to be found tyrotoxic, and clam chowder, made under the best conditions, often has properties of a virulent and dangerous sort.

Cases have gone on record in France of diseases caused by the eating of rye bread. In these instances the grain became musty on the stalk, and was made into flour without its mustiness having been noticed. From this mustiness, which is not at all perceptible in the bread, the powerful poison ergot arises, causing eventually, if sufficient of this bread is taken into the system, paralysis of the extremities.—N. Y. Tribune.

WONDERFUL NEW LIGHT.

The French Admiralty Attaches Great Importance to It.

Quite recently there has been brought out by the French navy a mysterious device known as "la ratiere," or the "rat trap light." It is a thing of small dimensions and is placed on the deck of the vessel. It throws out an electric light that can only be discovered dead ahead. La ratiere is constructed as follows: A square box has within it at one end a concave mirror, in front of which is adjusted an arc light. The light is focused upon a piano-convex lens placed midway of the length of the box, so that the rays of light are projected through a silvered tube as a bundle of parallel rays.

By the sides of the outer end of the silvered tube are placed two prisms, one of red and the other of green glass, through which a portion of the light passes in divergent rays. At a distance of several miles the light of a ratiere appears as a small point, and consequently difficult of detection to those not knowing the quarter in which to look for it. Its detection is thus reduced to a minimum, as it can be seen only within a radius of a few feet at such distance.

The use of the red and green rays is for the purpose of enabling the vessel for whom the signal is intended to know in which direction to steer so as to come within the zone of white light should the white ray disappear. By means of this invention night signals can be made when flashlights and rockets might be useless or liable to betray the position of the fleet to the enemy. It can also be used as a guide to a squadron in line, with all other lights out, in dangerous latitudes, as it cannot be seen either to the right or left, but only dead ahead or dead astern. The French admiralty attaches great importance to this light and has taken extraordinary precautions to guard it against discovery.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CONVICTS CAN DOFF STRIPES.

Those Who Behave Properly Will Be Allowed to Dress in Business Garb.

The most original experiment in prison reform which has yet been tried has recently been put into effect at Ohio's penitentiary at Columbus. A striking, almost startling change in the conventional prison stripes of the convict has been made. This, the first announcement of this startling departure, will doubtless excite wide attention and comment.

It is, in brief, regulating the clothing of the convict by his conduct. Under the system now in vogue in all prisons every convict wears the same uniform. The prisoner whose instincts are vile, whose ideas are thoroughly steeped in crime, is the same, in the appearance that clothing gives, as the man whose instincts are of high grade, but who, through weakness, has violated the laws.

Penologists have long held that the intelligent convict could be more thoroughly reformed by mental processes, or methods akin thereto, than by the physical penalties that prison rules have caused all offenders to suffer. This is exactly the idea from which Warden E. G. Coffin, of the Ohio penitentiary, conceived his plan of helping the prisoners to reform by grading their clothing.

There are to be three grades, one hardly

different from the ordinary suit of the civilian, while the other two bear

a greater degree the mark of the

prison.

The first grade of clothing is of plain gray cloth, with nothing to indicate that it is anything else than a citizen's suit.

The second grade will consist of gray and white checkered goods, and the third grade will be that of the present regular stripes, as now worn by all.

A prisoner upon entering the prison will be placed in the second grade, and after the expiration of six months, without being reported for any infraction of the rules, will be entitled to be placed in the first grade. Every prisoner in the Ohio penitentiary who is not reported for the violation of a prison rule until January 1 will be permitted to wear the first grade uniform as soon as it is possible to procure it. The prisoner who during the time mentioned is reported for one infraction of the rules will be eligible for the first grade in ten days thereafter. The prisoner who has two reports against him January 1 will not be eligible for the first grade for 29 days. If a prisoner has three or more reports against him he will not be placed in the first grade until three continuous months have passed without an unfavorable report regarding him.

Warden Coffin, in talking to the writer, said: "I am fully satisfied that all good citizens will heartily approve the step I have taken. I do not believe that it is right and just that a man who has so conducted himself as to maintain an unblemished reputation for years should be classed, clothed and matched with one who is daily committing infractions against the rules of the prison. It holds out no inducement to the worthy prisoner to continue his efforts in well doing. There should be some mark of distinction to separate the good from the bad. It seems to me the graded uniform is the best method of accomplishing this purpose."

The Ohio penitentiary has long been known by the fact that the inmates thereof are treated with more humanity than in almost any other state prison. The policy that has actuated the authorities has been that men are much more inclined to renounce an evil life and to become good citizens if the attitude of the officials toward them is that which human beings might naturally expect.

—N. Y. Herald.

A DANGEROUS DRUG.

Great Increase in the Cocaine Habit in Many Parts of the South.

A very intelligent and thoroughly posted and read druggist was speaking to a reporter the other day on the subject of the abuses of cocaine in this city. He is in a position to know exactly whereof he speaks, and his observations are interesting.

"It is perfectly amazing," said he, "the proportions to which the cocaine trade has grown in this city, and it is still more remarkable to him, with the exception of a few of the colored women, its use is confined almost exclusively to the colored folk. The average druggist or physician can tell the cocaine fiend on sight, even when his indulgence in the vice is in private plenty. There is the wild expression of the eye, the muscular jerks of the limbs and other portions of the body, an exuberant tendency to be always moving, always on the go, and, in fact, a general high tension of the nervous system such that it might be expected the next moment would result in a general physical collapse.

"How on earth these ignorant people ever learned of the effects of this powerful and dangerous drug I am at a loss to say, but I know it is a fact that some drug stores in this city sell enormous quantities of the stuff to the darkies in five-cent packages. The demand for it is so great that they keep the stuff in little papers which they retail at five cents, and it is quite frequently the case that the darky doesn't even open his mouth to say what he wants, the trade is so well established. He simply goes into the drug store, throws down his nickel on the counter, and is given a cocaine package without his ever opening his mouth—just as he would slouch into a beer joint and get a glass of beer."—N. Y. Picayune.

The One Woman in the World.

"If my wife comes in here tell her to wait for me, please," said Jones, rushing into the big dry goods store of Smith & Co.

"Yes, but how am I to know who your wife is?" asked the surprised clerk.

"Ah, to be sure," was the reply. "Well, then, don't say anything to her at all. Just detain her till I return," and he rushed out, while the clerk looked longingly at a pile-driver across the street.

—St. Paul Dispatch.

BEE HIVE.

THESE PRICES TILL CHRISTMAS.

Fine Potatoes, per bushel.....	24c
1 peck Onions.....	18c
2 dozen Pickles.....	5c
1 good Broom.....	9c
10 pounds Best Beans.....	24c
1 pound Best Country Butter.....	15c
4 pounds Best Pure Lard.....	25c
3-pound can Table Peaches.....	12c
3-pound can Table Pears.....	12c
3-pound can Green Gauge Plums.....	12c
3-pound can Apricots.....	12c
2-pound can Sweet Corn.....	6c
2-pound can Stringless Beans.....	5c
2-pound can Early June Peas.....	7c
2-pound can Red Kidney Beans.....	6c
10c package Corn Starch.....	5c
10c Can Lye.....	5c
1 pound Broken Java Coffee.....	14c
1 pound good Java Coffee.....	18c
1 pound Good Large Prunes.....	7c
15-pound Pail any kind Jelly.....	45c
5 Pound Pail Jelly.....	19c
2-gallon Pail Table Syrup.....	55c
1 quart Table Syrup.....	8c
1 gallon Cooking Molasses.....	25c
1 peck Walnuts.....	12c
Fresh Pork Steak, per lb.....	7c
Fresh Pork Sausage, per lb.....	6c
1 pound Mixed Table Nuts.....	10c
2-pound cake Limberger Cheese.....	30c
Brick Cheese, per lb.....	13c
1 pound Mixed Christmas Candy.....	7c

TELEPHONE 194.

Startling Cloak Announcement!

We cannot impress upon you too forcibly the importance of visiting our Cloak Department. These goods must be seen to be appreciated. Do not buy until you see what a TREMENDOUS CUT we have made on Cloaks.

WE CAN SAVE YOU FROM

\$2 to \$10 ON EVERY GARMENT.

This is the greatest offer ever made and you will be wise to take advantage of this opportunity to buy Cloaks at almost half of our already low marked prices. We quote a few of the many bargains offered:

A handsome green Kersey Jacket, made in latest style, was a great bargain at \$12, but we close them out at.....	\$ 7.50
The best selling black all wool Kersey Jacket of the season, strapped front trimmed with buttons. Was \$12.50, now.....	8.00
Blue Boucle Jacket lined throughout with silk; a nice \$12.00 Coat. While they last.....	6.50
Ladies' Black Cheviot Jacket in good quality with new style sleeves and collar. Well made. Was \$7.50, now.....	4.75
Ladies' Korsev Cloth Double Capes, full sweep, nicely trimmed with braid and fur. Was \$6.00, now.....	4.50
Ladies' Fine Double Kersey Cape, extra length, a bargain at \$12.00, now.....	8.50
Pi e Beaver and Kersey Coats that sold for \$20, must go at.....	12.00

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WE ARE SELLING...

Shakespeare's Works...

NEW ED., 12 VOLUMES.

In Flexible Morocco, \$12.00
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Select a Watch

As you would a Friend...

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...WATCHES...

Are Reliable, Faithful and True, and of Unblemished Reputation. Cased in the most artistic styles and of the best materials.

Prices to Suit.

Values Guaranteed the Best.

Rings, Rings...

We have them to suit any reasonable taste and purse, and you know the quality and price is right.

Our stock of Opal Rings

Is the nicest you have seen.

Don't forget to examine

...THE UNO LOCK RIB...

The best Umbrella in the market.

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WECKENMAN & KNAPP,

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1301 NORTH CALHOUN STREET.

Clean, New Stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries for the Holiday Trade.

FLOUR AT LOWEST PRICES.

The Best Dried Fruits, Canned Goods and Table Fruits of the Finest Quality.

Soaps and Miscellaneous Groceries at Starvation Prices.

FRESH EGGS, BUTTER, ETC., ALWAYS ON HAND.

Prices to Suit the Times.

Give Us a Trial Order.

NEW PHONE 242.

Miller's Decatur Steam Dye House,

Ladies and Gentlemen.—You can save money on your Clothes by taking them to MILLER'S NEW DECATUR STEAM DYE HOUSE,

145 NORTH MAIN STREET,

Second door north of Arcade Building. Gent's Suits and Overcoats neatly Dyed, Cleaned, Pressed, and Repaired on short notice. Ladies' and Children's Dresses and Cloaks Dyed and Cleaned without ripping apart. Dry Cleaning a Specialty. Work first class. Prices reasonable.

Everything in the line of Cleaning and Dyeing nicely done. Goods sent by express will receive prompt attention.

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142 North Main St., Decatur, Illinois.

SALVATION OIL

The modern Pain Annihilator, will positively cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Sores, Earache, Backache and all other aches. SALVATION OIL is sold everywhere for 25 cents. Only the genuine will do the work.

See LAMBERT'S PLUMS, The Great Tobacco Article, No. Eastern or West, A. C. Meyer & Co., Dallas, Md.

PATRIOTISM AND THE FLAG.

Danger That the Flag May Become Merely a Symbol.

Much has been said within recent years about the teaching of patriotism in the public schools of the United States. To the end that it might be encouraged, many of the schools have been provided with flags, and in a considerable number formal exercises take place from time to time, when the flag is paraded, saluted and the pupils pledge allegiance to it. The sight is always impressive and gratifying.

Yet it may properly be asked whether there is not some danger lest the enthusiasm thus aroused expand itself upon the sign rather than upon the thing signified; that is to say, whether our patriotic endeavors may not, unless wisely directed, produce a sentimental attachment to an emblem instead of creating a type of civic life whereby the emblem is genuinely glorified. It is of the highest importance that our children and youth should be taught that the nation expects them to devote property and life, if need be, to her defense, and that they must regard the integrity of the state as their peculiar care. But the possible danger which lurks in teaching patriotism primarily by means of this beautiful symbol is that it encourages the pupil to look for an international rather than a domestic field wherein to display his devotion. When a Spanish mob, incensed by what it considers bitter provocation, tears the stars and stripes in pieces, or an Irish poet sings of "bastard freedom" and a "fusil flag," he is duly roused. The flag seems to him to have been immediately and grossly insulted, and he resents the insult; but so long as it waves undisturbed by any hostile hand or mocking word he is tempted to feel that it is safe, even though corruption, greed and partisanship bear sway under its very shadow. He is so convinced that where the sign is deliberately disdained the thing signified must be insulted as to take for granted the wholly different proposition that so long as the flag is outwardly respected the state must be secure.

Under scarce any form of government can this fallacy produce more lamentable results than in a great republic. It was long since wisely observed that "the danger to a small republic comes from without; to a great republic it comes from within." Indeed, anyone who reads the "Knights" of Aristophanes must be struck with the cogent application of its sarcasm to latter-day politics. Mutatis mutandis, Cleon and the Sausage seller are with us still, striving as best they may to outbid each other in the favor of Demos—making small account, to be sure, of what Demos really needs but fertile in devices for pleasing his ear, tickling his palate, fostering his self-love and befogging his judgment. Now, as then, too, each is prodigal of protestations that he and he alone is truly loyal to the good name of his master, and that, if Demos will but put the household quite unreservedly into his keeping he will give especial attention to its social dignity and influence among the neighbors. One remembers the eulogy upon Col. Yell, of Yelville: "That, though it was true his books did not balance, none could doubt that his heart beat warmly for his native land." It serves to remind us that the deeper a man's hands go into the public pocket the louder may become his vociferations of devotion to the flag, and the fiercer his indignation against any who may insult it. Nothing, indeed, can suit his purposes better than to foster a worship of the sign so blind and fatuous as to brand as unpatriotic all inquiry into the reality signified.

It is a matter of common experience that the higher the moral quality of any emotion, sentiment or theory of life the more dangerous the husk of it is likely to prove when emptied of ethical content. There is a distinct tendency in some quarters to-day to treat everything as glorious which the flag can be made to cover and to denounce as unpatriotic all critical inquiry into the real ethical conditions of national life. The mass of Americans have yet to realize that patriotism is less an impulse than a duty, and that the man who makes most searching inquiry into the failings and possible infidelities that mar our public life, pleading for simple, unambiguous public speech and the sternest and most uncompromising integrity in public act, may prove to be a truer patriot than he whose love of country never goes beyond the flag, which he despairs with tawdry adjectives and degrades by meaninglessly flinging it in the face of sister nations.—Century.

Riding Down an Eagle.

If you wanted a live eagle how would you try to catch it? In Turkestan, according to the author of "The Heart of a Continent," the natives ride eagles down on horseback! We had seen two eagles on the ground in the distance, and as soon as the Kirghiz caught sight of them he set off wildly in pursuit. They rose, of course, on seeing him, but he went galloping down the valley after one of them till gradually it sank to the ground. It was, in fact, gorged with the flesh of the carcass it had been feeding on, and could no longer fly. The Kirghiz dismounted, seized the bird, bound his waist-cloth round and round the body and wings till he had made it up into a neat parcel, and then tucked it under his arm, mounted and rode back to me. He said that, if it turned out to be a good one for hawking, he might get 200 rupees for it.—Youth's Companion.

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Gasser.

Rev. Hatfield closed services here and began meeting at Prairie Hall Sunday night.

It was voted Sunday to hold the Christmas exercises Wednesday eve before Christmas on account of several who assist going away Thursday.

W. I. Lundy of Boddy spent Wednesday night of last week with Dr. Patterson of this place.

Oren Willard of Decatur visited this week with the family of J. E. Underwood.

John Prather and family spent Sunday with relatives near Lintner, Piatt county.

I. S. Underwood moved from his farm near Long Creek to Decatur last week. He and N. M. Jacobs are running a feed store.

County Clerk J. M. Dodd and son, Earle, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Patterson.

John Williams entertained company from Lovington Monday.

James D'Spain has moved to a farm which he rented in the Mississippi bottoms, near St. Louis. Ben Hopkins will move to the place lately vacated by James D'Spain, probably moving this week.

Newt. Lambert is employed by Dr. Patterson as first assistant. Newt is a regular genius and can detect, exactly, medicine by its scent, as he has been known to do.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address:

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all Druggists. 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Pokin Cor. Peoria Journal:—Some person while at one of the churches in this city Sunday evening, in place of taking a nickel or quarter from his pocket, placed a 6 cent saloon check in the collection box. It is nothing unusual to find plugged nickels, dimes and quarters in the church basket collections.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. J. C. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia the past month, with good results." Noiser Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

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Best value in the city.

Assorted Cream Bon Bons.....15c lb

And the largest assortment of the Mixed in the city.

Gum Drops.....5c lb

New Nuts, Figs and Dates.

Nut Feasts of All Kinds.

NEW MIXED NUTS, 10c POUND.

Bought and mixed by myself this season.

Christmas Tree Ornaments, Candlesticks, Can-

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TEACHING BY PHONOGRAPH.

A Curious and Clever Scheme of a New York Professor of Languages.

Several projects have been devised in the way of language teaching, but until just lately has the phonograph made part of the outfit of the music professors. It is interesting to see how this instrument can help along teaching of any language when it brings the talk. The phonograph has adapted the phonograph to the teaching of languages. R. D. Cortina, and his successful team of over 500 machines, all of instruction and primed

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements of forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of \$2 per word, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

To trade a first-class bicycle, in good order, for a milch cow. Addressee, Dec 14-15.

WANTED—Lady caravanser to sell Mexican Liens. Price, \$100. The city only. J. H. JAMES, Room 16, St. Nicholas Hotel. Dec 14-15.

WANTED—All to use the Favillor Soft Lamp and lamp oil, clean, free burning lamp and lamp oil, for sale. Write to me as other costs. Take a ton or load and be convinced. L. W. PARKER & SON, President. And New Phone 215 North Main street. Nov 23-24.

WANTED—A good girl for general housework. References required. Address A. C. NORMANVILLE, 906 Lincoln Avenue. Dec 14-15.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—For spot cash, \$200, you can get a fine building very well built for cash hand. In the circuit court, the January Term, 1897 John King et al. vs. Samuel G. Matson et al. It appears by affidavit filed in my office that on the inquiry the residence of the following named defendants, Mary Sanderson, Joseph Sanderson, John Bohrer and Gustave Bohrer and their family, is given to each of them the right of way of the St. Louis Division of the Wabash Railway Company, thence westward along said right of way to a point 70 feet east of the place of beginning, thence west 75 feet to the place of beginning, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois.

Dated this 27th day of November, 1896, at Decatur, Illinois. J. FINN, Master in Chancery, Bunn & Park, Solicitors. Nov 25-26.

FOR SALE—Something that will unlock your pocketbooks. Three fine lots, very high, on North Union street, sale \$4000 apiece, or \$800 for all, one-half cash, balance to be paid in 12 months. Building lots, new houses around. Can be had driving horse as part pay. PETER H. BECKER, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Nov 19-20.

FOR SALE—By order of County Court, a lot of notes and accounts, the property of the H. C. Whittier Shoe Co., insolvent. List of notes and accounts, etc., enclosed. Received 11:15 o'clock noon, Wednesday, December 23, 1896. If note not satisfactory will then be sold to the highest bidder for cash, at my office in Decatur, Decatur, Ill., S. S. O'Keeffe, trustee of the H. C. Whittier & Goldin Shoe Co. Dec 14-15.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—5½ acres of land suitable for poultry, hog, dairy or garden farm, four miles from Decatur, good five room house, barn, outbuildings, fence, etc., good 30 head of stock, corncrib, grain bin, together with farming implements, team, one cow, one stack of millet, two stacks sheaf oats, 3000 sheets of corn, with fodder, 100 in running water, 100 in storage, 100 in pasture, 100 in fruit orchard, 100 in vineyard, 100 in shrubbery, 100 in flower beds, 100 in lawn, 100 in shrubbery, 100 in trees, 100 in all kinds of small fruit. Possession given any time, \$2000 taken, some property, some money, and easy time. Would make somebody a good deal of money. J. FINN, Master in Chancery, Bunn & Park, Solicitors. Nov 25-26.

FOR SALE—Horses on Easy Payments. We have some good work horses which we can sell on the installment plan, or on long time. Also two good milch cows very cheap. Apply at Jimmick's Stable at west end of Eldorado street. April 23-24.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Farm of 120 acres, within two miles of Decatur, for \$100 per month. Frank W. Hill, agent. Room 3 Library Block, 120 East William street.

FOR RENT—Property on East Decatur street, at the east of our South Water street. Apply to J. H. MULLARD on North Main street. Nov 24-25.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Four nice rooms, with bath and room and clean second floor of the H. C. Whittier, 305 North Main street. Apply to F. W. Haines, 402 West William street. Telephone 374. Sept 30-40.

MONEY TO LOAN—To loan on improved Decatur or Macon county real estate. Lowest rates. No delay. C. E. GIVEN, Mutual Bank Building. Oct 22-23.

LOANS—**PEGRAM & CO.**, Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

LOANS—**ALL KINDS**—FISK BRO., Over Farmers' Bank, maria off.

LOANS—I have money to place on farms and real estate. Call on me. George W. Miller, Real Estate and Auctioneer, Room 10, Open Block. Nov 7-8.

MISSCELLANEOUS.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE—We have a lot of household goods, brooms, mops, chaffers, cups, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. RACHIMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO., June 10-11.

X. M. OSBURN, Architect and builder, Office 1100 and 12th floor, Review Building, North Main street.

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch wide, round or square, wood or metal frame, with work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet, 223 N. Water street, Decatur, Ill., 1712 or Prairie street, north of 20th.

SALESMEN—Merchant's Trade, \$8 a week. New quick, good. Light samples from side or exclusive. Mrs. 3041 Market st., Phila. May 29-30.

THE Blue Grass Garage shop, Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to hold 200 vehicles on these terms. Call on Mr. James J. Finn, Master in Chancery, W. P. Redmond, Sol. Nov 28-29.

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Jackets And Capes

SPECIAL VALUES THIS WEEK.

Jackets at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50.
Caps at \$3.75, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50.
Children's Jackets, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00.

Fur Repairing. We reline and repair Seal Coats and Capes and Muffs of all kinds. We make over Fur Capes into late style Ripple Capes.

Blankets at 75c, \$1.00, 1.50, 2.50, 3.00, 5.00 pair
Comforts at \$1.00, 1.50, 1.75 each
Ready Made Dress Skirts at \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00. All Velveteen bound.

Special Values in Hankerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Silk and Wool Mittens and Feather Boas This Week.

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Good results from poor medicines; all adulterations are harmful. Use the best. Everything in the Drug line and of the best at

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

COURT OF HONOR Regular meeting of Decatur District Court No. 49, this evening at 7 o'clock in G. A. R. hall. Election of officers for the ensuing year. L. H. Clinton of the old Cabinet Club rooms in Opera House block. Full attendance requested. Visiting Knights invited. Work in the ranks of Page and Equipe. Max Atlas, C. C. F. W. Wimberly, K. of R and S.

LOCAL NEWS.

Gunner's Candy at Bell's Drug Store, Denz Tailor, 117 North Water St.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook

Fine holiday packages of perfumes at West's drug store.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dif

The largest line of fancy Bottled Perfumery at Bell's Drug Store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Welgand. Moh 25 ct.

Holiday perfume packages, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1 each at West's drug store.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Welgand. Moh 25 ct.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant—Oct 1st

The best Christmas present is one of those fine perfume packages at West's drug store.

Constable Midkiff, who had been at Niantic two days to effect a settlement, arrived home last night. He accomplished the purpose of his visit.

New upright pianos \$225, \$250, \$275 and \$300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$185 on payment. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house—dec 7 dif

Albert Stewart died at his home in Bement of quick consumption, aged 39. He leaves a mother and three sisters at Bement, a sister at Monticello, and two sisters, Mrs. I. W. Layman and Mrs. F. B. McAllister in Decatur. Had he lived until Christmas he would have married Miss Jess of Bement.

Marshal Mason yesterday gave two young men of good address an hour to get out of town and they left. They had been arrested Tuesday night and were let out of jail in the morning. Both had been around town several days visiting residences during the day and carousing at night at saloons. They were regarded as smooth crooks by the police, and away they went under threat of being prosecuted as vagrants if they were seen on the streets within an hour.

Christmas Candles

Carmichael can furnish you with the freshest of Xmas candles. He also has holly and evergreens in abundance—10 ft Best Variety of low priced Christmas presents at Wingate's lamp and department store.

Be sure and have one for breakfast a nice fat salt mackerel 10c, shore beans Pearl Oyster and Fish Co., Tele phone 344—16-16

R. P Meeting To-Night.

Tonight the regular meeting of Coeur de Leon Lodge No 17 will be held at Knights of Pythias hall when the ranks of Page and Equipe will be conferred.

Chains.

There are so many beautiful things in our store this year that it is impossible for us to give you any idea what beautiful things are produced in this line. If you will give our stock an inspection you will no doubt find just what you want for a Christmas present.

E. D. Bartholomew Co

It was learned today that Rev. H. C. Gibbs, who has been in charge of the Methodist church at Marshall in Clark county, has been selected to occupy the pulpit of Grace M. E. church at Bloomington, made vacant in November by the tragic death of Rev. James Miller. Rev. Mr. Gibbs was pastor of the Harristown church some years ago. He was once a professor in a college, and is known to be an able preacher and a popular pastor, a minister who will be entirely acceptable to the members of the Bloomington church.

The successor of Rev. Mr. Gibbs at the Marshall church is Rev. H. L. Murray, of Greenup, who was formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Marion.

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WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Anniversary Dinner and Reception at the Home of Hon. W. S. Smith.

A notable social event was very pleasantly celebrated yesterday at Mt. Zion. It was the observance of the fifteenth marriage anniversary of Hon. and Mrs. Wash S. Smith, in which a large number of relatives and neighbors and Doctor friends participated. The splendid home of the couple, handsomely furnished throughout, and occupied by the family a month ago, was well filled, and all the guests were cordially received and hospitably entertained. Mr. Smith and Gertrude R. Ulery were married by the late Elder John W. Ulery, December 16, 1881, and have since made their home in Mt. Zion, except the period when they resided on West William street in Decatur, while Mr. Smith was a member of the legislature.

The company partook of a superb dinner provided under the personal supervision of Mrs. Smith, and the afternoon was spent at cards and pleasant conversation. The guests presented the couple with tokens of good will in the form of a gold stand with onyx top, cut glass and other mementoes.

The relatives and neighbors present were Eli Ulery, the father of Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Smith, Mr. Smith's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Henry, Mrs. A. M. Conn, O. L. Conn, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ulery, David Blalock, Mrs. Harry Ritter, Weston Smith and Miss Maria Smith, all of Mt. Zion and vicinity; Mrs. Stephen Mahannah, Miss Pot Buckingham, Miss Bertha Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gorin, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ranch, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Hamsher, all of Decatur, and Miss Lucille Jenkins of Chicago.

There were four people present whose ages aggregated 310 years—David Blalock 76, B. M. Smith 81, Mrs. B. M. Smith 78, and Eli Ulery 79, and all were in good health and enjoyed the occasion as much as the younger guests.

In all respects the celebration was a most enjoyable affair and will long be pleasantly remembered.

HELP THE NEEDY.

To the Charitable and Generous Public.

The ladies of the city charity board would ask for generous and free contributions that we may to a certain extent relieve the suffering and hunger of the poor and add a ray of sunshine to their Christmas tide. We will gladly receive old clothing, flour, meats, fruits of any kind, also books or papers or toys that you may feel disposed to give them. Please remember all the ladies give their time most cheerfully without pay or hope of reward to the noble work of relieving the sufferings and want of the unfortunate poor. For the convenience of the public in too different wards the following ladies will on Friday, Dec 18, receive anything you may desire to give. First ward, Mrs. M. F. Motz, 120 North Jackson street and Mrs. Dimock 1011 North Water street. Second ward, Mrs. Wm. Martin, 179 West Corro Gordo street. Third ward, Miss Mattos, 510 South Sigel street. Fourth ward, Mrs. W. P. Shadie, 300 East Wood street. Fifth ward, Mrs. Brinkman, 1161 East North street. Sixth ward, Mrs. Bachmann, 1050 North Broadway. Seventh ward, Mrs. N. W. Woodford, 1406 North Edward and Mrs. Komper, 1138 North College street.

We desire that the children of the public schools assist us if it is only one penny each that will help buy shoes, stockings, etc., as well as cabbages. We hope to have a hearty response to this request and all can rest assured that their gifts will in every case be worthily bestowed.

Respectfully, Mrs. M. F. Motz, president charity board.

REV. MR. MILLER'S SUCCESSOR.

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Representatives to Advisory Council at Chicago—L. A. Mills.

Alternate—D. W. Hellman.

THE HORN TOTERS ALL RIGHT.

Return of George DeWitt from the Buckeye State—Lots of Photos.

George DeWitt, who a few days ago left for the east to look after the affairs of the big horn toters on their way to Canton, Ohio, arrived home this morning. He reports that the boys are all right and are making rapid progress with the big horn. There has been no trouble whatever except in the matter of getting enough photographs to supply the demand. While at Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. DeWitt had some half tone cuts made, and he had 2000 pictures printed and forwarded to the party. He also sent the cuts to the men, and now they get as many pictures as they want on short notice whenever they can find a printing office.

Mr. DeWitt says the horn will certainly be delivered at Canton on New Year's day and he has assurances that Major McKinley will be at home to receive it.

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Commander in Town.

Hon. W. G. Cochran, of Sullivan, department commander Illinois G. A. R., was at the St. Nicholas today on his way to Peoria and Elgin. He was at Champaign last night. Mr. Cochran is a leader in the race for election as speaker of the next Illinois legislature. He has strong support.

Building Changes.

Dr. W. J. Chenoweth is making some changes in his building at the corner of North Main and William streets. The stairway is being remodeled and the room which is now occupied by Sleeth, the photographer, who will go into the new Powers building will be fitted for offices for Dr. Chenoweth and Jones.

Second Rehearsal.

The second rehearsal of the dedicating team held at Knights of Pythias hall last night was highly successful, showing rapid progress. George Shado played marches on the piano for the team, and Herman Martin sounded the bugle notes. Another rehearsal next Wednesday evening. Tuesday night the members of the Uniform Rank will meet to drill for escort duty on dedication night.

A One Legged Fraud.

Recently a stranger with only one leg, but a captivating talker, representing himself to be a canvasser for the Ladies' Home Journal, has been victimizing a number of ladies in the west end of the city. He collected a dollar from each lady, how many it is not known, promising to have the Journal sent to them for a year. One lady got tired waiting and she wrote to the Home office. She has received a letter from the publishers stating that the orprie is a fraud, and that they have been trying to locate him in order that his arrest may be effected. It is supposed the fellow has left the city.

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The Famous Picture, "Christ Before Pilate."

This magnificent painting is every where recognized by critics, the peers and the public generally, as the climax of realistic art. The picture can be enjoyed for hours, and one is loath to leave the room, where like in a reverie of strange delight, the visitor becomes almost spell-bound in the presence of this masterpiece. The many visitors who viewed the beautiful picture last evening, pronounced it the grandest and finest work of art ever placed on exhibition in our city. Receptions are held daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at 331 North Water street. The admission is only a dime.

The Royal League.

At the annual meeting of the Royal League the following officers were elected for the year 1897.

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